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Docket No.: 249212024500

**REMARKS**

In an Appeal Brief filed on May 23, 2005, Applicants appealed the rejection of claims 1, 3-10, and 12-38. In the Examiner's Answer mailed on August 11, 2005, the Examiner withdrew the rejection of claims 9-10, 12-20, and 33-38. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3-8, and 21-32 have been canceled, which leaves only allowed claims 9-10, 12-20, and 33-38 remaining in the present application. Thus, the present Amendment serves as a Withdrawal of Notice of Appeal. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and issuance of the allowed claims remaining in the present application.

Canceled claims 1, 3-8, and 21-32 will be pursued by Applicants in a continuation application being filed concurrently with the present Amendment. In accordance with MPEP 1215.01, Applicants are also informing the Chief Clerk of the Board in writing regarding the Withdrawal of Notice of Appeal and that claims 9-10, 12-20, and 33-38 have been allowed by the Examiner and that claims 1, 3-8, and 21-32 will be pursued in a continuation application.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

249212024500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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